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C O N F I D E N T I A L GUATEMALA 2037

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, GT

SUBJECT: BOMB EXPLOSION AT ARANISTA OFFICE

REF: GUATEMALA 1983

1. AT ABOUT 2300 HOURS APRIL 9 A BOMB EXPLODED IN THE DOORWAY OF THE ORGANIZED ARANISTA CENTER (CAO) HEADQUARTERS IN DOWNTOWN GUATEMALA CITY, CAUSING MODERATE DAMAGE TO BUILDING AND LIGHTLY INJURING NIGHTWATCHMAN. WITNESSES TOLD PRESS THAT IMMEDIATELY BEFORE EXPLOSION THEY HAD SEEN WATCHMAN FIRING PISTOL AS FOUR YOUNG PEOPLE RAN AWAY FROM CAO HEADQUARTERS. CAO IS PERSONAL POLITICAL ORGANIZATION OF PRESIDENT ARANA WHICH CAMPAIGNED ALONG WITH MLN AND PID IN SUPPORT OF PRESIDENT-ELECT LAUGERUD.

2. COMMENT: THE CAO AND ITS LEADER, ROBERTO "TITO" ARANA, THE PRESIDENT'S SON, HAVE MADE SO MANY ENEMIES THAT IT IS DIFFICULT IMMEDIATELY TO ATTRIBUTE THE INCIDENT, BUT OUR PRELIMINARY
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GUESS IS THAT IT WAS WORK OF LEFT. CAO ATTACK

FOLLOWS SERIES OF SIMILAR MINOR TERRORIST
INCIDENTS DURING PAST TWO WEEKS. IF CONFIRMED
AS LEFTIST ACTION, CAO INCIDENT WOULD TEND TO
CONFIRM OUR SUSPICION THAT LEFT HAS BEGUN TERRORIST
CAMPAIGN OF SORTS.
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